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Dear Joshua,

I don't think I have yet thanked you for the paper bags you sent me, or for "Alice in Wonderland" I haven't read it yet, but am planning to do so next month when I shall be taking my holiday at the seaside. The temperature is rather high here and I feel that if it goes on that it will be just as good to stop work and retire with some books on the Riviera.

Your coppers will be somewhat delayed, but will eventually arrive, so tell Ester not to worry if they haven't yet come. I didn't trust the case in which they came for sending them across the Ocean, but have now found a decent wooden case for sending them in.

Giovanni and I have made but little progress concerning the departmental co-operation that we discussed. For the time being I can only tell you the opinion of Giovanni, myself and the Italian firm: that is, to look for an arrangement similar to the one you suggest that would permit you to continue your present plans with Bristol. However, as yet we have had no chance to discuss things with Schering because we feel that the matter should be discussed personally rather than by letter, and the opportunity should arise when Giovanni comes to the States. His trip is planned for October. If you should be interested in earlier discussion he might try to come earlier.

Last month examination committees were voted for the professorial competition, but we are as yet unaware of the names of the examiners. There was, however, quite a turmoil at the elections because some Zoologists and Botanists felt that they could not drop this opportunity for putting in some of their protégés

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and it may turn out that the committee will be far from what would be desirable.

How are the plans of your new house working? I am still hoping to visit you next Summer but should wait in any case to know the outcome of the election and see what obligations the new post may create. I hope the competition will be over by October, which as far as I remember would still be a horrible time for you.

We hope that you have recovered from the trip in Europe, which must have been rather tiring for both you and Ester. I was at Cambridge for one week, saw Bruce and Jane, who are both in good shape, visited the new laboratory set up by Hayes, which seems to be above the Swedish standards for beauty, and had some pleasant chats with Sidney Brenner and his entourage.

As you will have heard Thoday is the new Professor of Genetics in Cambridge, but I haven't seen him.

Work is still going slowly, but I have started to decrease my engagements. It is still completely unknown to me, however, what I shall be able to do next year.

All the best to you and Ester,

Yours,

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